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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This paper is a response to the Office Action mailed on March 12, 2002 and is being filed subsequent to a telephone interview conducted with the Examiner on July 10, 2002. A petition for a 2 month extension of time to respond is also attached, along with a check therefor. Also enclosed is a declaration signed by the Inventor. Please amend the claims as shown below. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 5 - 9, 13 - 15, 23 and 43. Clean copies of the pending claims are presented on the following pages 2 - 5. Marked copies of the claims are presented in the Appendix to this response to show the changes made.